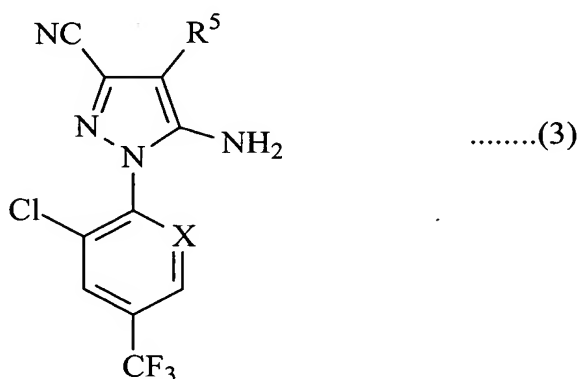


IN THE CLAIMS

16. (Amended) A process for producing a pyrazole derivative of the general formula (2) (wherein Y is Y-3 and R² is hydrogen atom), which comprises treating a pyrazole derivative of the following general formula (3) (wherein X has the same meaning as in the general formula (1)) with a nitrogen-containing six-membered heterocyclic compound represented by A-CH(-R³)-X⁵ (wherein A and R³ have the same meaning as in the general formula (1) and X⁵ represents a halogen atom, a lower alkylsulfonyloxy group, or an arylsulfonyloxy group).



DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended to correct obvious errors. Claim 16 has been amended to simply indicate that R³ has the same meaning as in general formula (1).

No new matter is believed to have been added. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application.